

# LOCAL CIVILIAN LIBERATED FROM JAPPRISON CAMP

Harry Cerny Was Jap Prisoner Since Fall Of Wake Island Dec. 22, 1942

Harry Cerny, only civilian from this city, who was interned in a Japanese prison camp has been liberated his mother, Mrs. Georgian Cerny, learned in a telegram from him at Guam Saturday.

The telegram stated that he is well and hoped to be home soon.

Another telegram Monday from the Prisoners of War Department at Washington, D. C. stated in effect that Cerny had been liberated, that his condition was fair and that everything possible would be done to hasten his journey home.

Young Cerny and his father, Frank Cerny were both employees of the Morrison Knudsen company on Wake Island at the time of Pearl Harbor. The father was killed Dec. 22, 1941, the day the island fell to the Japs. Few details of her husband's death were ever learned here, Mrs. Cerny said yesterday.

She was most happy over the good news of her son's liberation. She said no one can fully understand the anxiety one suffers through the years of suspense, without having gone through it.

During her sons internment in Japan, she said he was in several camps, the last one on Osaka Island. She had a card from him recently written early in the year acknowledging Christmas gifts.

# DISTRICT COURT SESSION OPEN

Judge Buckner Substitutes For Judge Sutton

Filling in for his colleague, Judge A. O. Sutton, of Weiser, who was in another part of the state, Judge Thomas E. Buckner, of Caldwell, opened the fall term of the district court here Monday and acted on several cases.

Two cases one of battery on appeal from the probate court and one for grand larceny against Eugene Hyatt, former night club operator in this county, were dismissed. In this connection it was given out that Hyatt is now being held by officers at Spokane, Wash. on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He pleaded guilty to the battery charge and paid the fine assessed against him. The grand larceny charge was dismissed.

Anado Cirigo and Desiderio Salaya, Pena, Mexicans at the labor camp, pleaded not guilty to charges of resisting arrest and their case will be set for trial Oct. 15.

The damage case of R. W. and Ethel Edwards against Arthur and Lloyd Heap was dismissed under rule.

Dissolution of the Long Valley Farm corporation was granted.

The damage suit of I. A. Whiteley vs. J. S. Payne and C. C. Stephens, which will probably be a jury case will be set for trial on Oct. 15. John Norris was entered as an assistant attorney in the case.

The case wherein Dora Remmle is suing Wm. W. Godechal, administrator of the estate of Martin Mayer for money alleged due, for services rendered will also be set for trial Oct. 15. It too, will probably require a jury.

Date for granting dissolution of the F. H. Hogue, Inc., a corporation will be set Oct. 15.

In the case of Edward E. Parsons and Parsons Fruit Company vs. Lester Covey et al., plaintiffs were granted a quiet title decree was granted in the case of Estelle Hoppel vs.

# PENCE IS IN ON HISTORIC EVENTS

Payette Major's Battalion Leads March Into Yokohama

Major A. L. Pence Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pence, Sr., was in some of the historic events incident to the Japanese surrender. His parents have learned.

Major Pence's battalion, the second of the 11th Airborne, led the march into Yokohama, and he himself served as provost marshal.

When Gen. Douglas MacArthur boarded the Missouri for the signing of the Japanese surrender, Major Pence's battalion served as honor guard.

Major Pence has had probably as wide experience as any soldier in World War II. He saw action with the famous Ranger company in the European theatre, took part in the Aleutian and Pacific campaigns, was wounded seriously twice, once having a bullet pass through his body near the heart, and finally wound up with an airborne division.

# Fruitland Soldier On Okinawa Writes Folks About Homesickness

Six Oregon side youngsters in their teens evidently have paid no heed to the saying, "crime does not pay" are not old enough to remember the old advice of "never argue with a policeman or conductor" and as a result of their failure in these regards learned that it does not pay even to steal watermelons.

The group evidently returning from a football game in a neighboring town last Friday night spied a water melon patch near Fruitland and started into it to get some melons. The patch however was guarded by the farmer and his wife and before the boys knew it they were facing a 45 revolver in the hands of the farmer and a rifle in the hands of the wife. The six boys were rounded up and turned over to Sheriff Ray Stevens and that is where they made their second mistake. When the officer asked them their names with the purpose of being able to locate them and have them come in the next day to settle the case they became sullen and would not tell. There was nothing left for the officer to do but to take them to jail and hold them for the probate court the next morning.

The night in jail, and it is an awful place according to the boys, gave them time to think things over and they were plenty willing to talk when brought before Judge W. Stephenson the next morning. All admitted that they planned to steal the melons and he fined them ten dollars each but remitted the fine upon the payment of the costs amounting to \$7.20.

# COUNCIL PLANS SWIMMING POOL BOND ELECTION

Payette Officials Discuss Pool And Other Matters At Meeting Monday Night

The city council discussed various phases of the ordinance which has been drawn up for the calling of a city bond election for a swimming pool at its meeting Monday night and took up several other important matters.

All data for the swimming pool ordinance including filing of completed plans has not been completed, and the passage of the ordinance which will set the date of the election and amount of bonds will be held up until these details are ready.

During the past few months there has been considerable discussion and emphasis on a proposed swimming pool for the city. After hearing arguments pro and con the city council decided on the plan of calling the election to give the taxpayers the opportunity to express their views on the subject.

At the meeting, the council also discussed complaints coming in on the Union Pacific trains blocking city street crossings in excess of five minutes which is permitted under a city ordinance governing the subject.

The problem of night club regulation also came in for considerable discussion.

# OFFICERS FOIL CO. JAIL ESCAPE

Two Prisoners Caught Sawing Bars

Officers foiled an attempted escape from the county jail here Sunday night when they found two prisoners being held on charges of forgery had partially sawed out two bars in the jail.

The two men, Leslie M. Smith and Alfred M. Graham were arrested several days previously on charges of forgery. When they were brought before Judge W. S. Stephenson in probate court Friday they waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the district court. Bond was set at \$500 each which they were unable to furnish and they were put back in jail to await their trials in district court.

In some manner they smuggled a hacksaw into the jail and began working on the bars. Officers reported that they were caught just in time, because they had two of the bars partially sawed through which would have permitted their escape.

To prevent further attempts the two prisoners were transferred to the county jail at Weiser Monday for safe keeping until their trials came up in the district court.

The two men were arrested here by city police after they were alleged to have passed several worthless checks at local business establishments.

Smith admitted to having served six and a half years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash. on a charge of robbery. Graham claims to have no previous criminal record. He is however being checked by local officers.

# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HOLDS RALLY

Twelve members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship attended a rally at the Methodist church in Nampa last Sunday afternoon and evening. Miss Lois Bailey, of Nampa, district president of the organization, was in charge. Speakers were Rev. Don S. Campbell, in charge of the Christian Endeavor for the conference, and Rev. Mark B. Llord, of Ontario.

# LOCAL POST HAS STATE RECORD IN MEMBERSHIP

Only Post So Far To Turn In Full Quota Of Members

The Payette American Legion Post was the only post in the state to turn in a full quota of members at the recent state convention held at Boise. The national quota was 151 members and its state quota 171 for the 1945-46 year while the post officials were able to turn in 202 paid up members at the state convence.

Since that time nine new members have been added as of Tuesday of this week.

Coblentz believes, he said Tuesday, that the potential membership has only been scratched and that the total should be between 350 and 400 by the end of the year.

The local post, as well as others throughout the nation is making a special effort to sign up not only returned veterans of World War II but those still in the service as well. In a local campaign held here recently 90 men who are still serving with the armed forces were signed up and paid membership fees into the local organization.

# PRUNE HARVEST AT PEAK THURS.

Record Crop Is Predicted For This Year

Prune harvest in Idaho reached its peak last Thursday when 149 cars were shipped to market from this state according to a report made by Eugene Paulson, U. S. Department of Agriculture marketing temporary headquarters at the specialist, who has established a county agent's office.

Of this number 17 cars were shipped from Payette and 25 from Fruitland that day.

Total shipped from the state so far this year up to Thursday was 1477 while the total for last year was 1772 and only 591 in 1943, Mr. Paulson reported. He predicted that with daily shipments continuing to run high and with about a week or ten days yet to go, the total this year will be considerably higher than the record crop of last year.

Furthermore he said this crop this year in Idaho is of exceptionally good quality with comparatively few culls. Prices too have been good he reported.

# JAMES & GERDAU MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

James & Gerdau moved their auto repair shop the first of the week into the former Jim Swank Blacksmith shop building.

The new location has been completely remodeled and with the equipment added by the partners has been fitted up into a modern auto repair shop.

The concern does all kinds of general auto repair and service work.

# MASINGILL GO TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Masingill left Tuesday morning for Portland, Ore. to attend a Fairbanks-Morse sales meeting and to attend to other business matters there.

# Seen About Town

Orchids this week should go to orchardists of the section for successfully completing one of the largest prune crops on record.

Congrats to Weldon Fuge and other officials of the Chamber of Commerce for their endeavor to locate a parachute rigging shop in this city. When October 5, November's cold blasts come swooping down on this area, we wonder if people will remember that it will get warm here when it comes time to vote for the swimming pool bond issue.

At least, opponents of the bond issue could not ask for a better time for the election.

Six Oregon boys being taught that stolen fruit is not always the best in the long run.

School bells summoning the kids back to school again.

And some of us older folk wishing we were still in school and the youngsters wishing they were through.

Mexicans celebrating their Independence Day by working.

Some of the city's play pique snappers learning that the targets are not too small but there is too much space around them in which to chase the fatal charge.

One of the many large trucks that speed through the city thoroughfares narrowly missing the car driven by Ned McCue last Wednesday evening on Center Avenue and plowing through the cement curbing at the Gus Davis residence—was wounded.

Someone must be seriously injured or killed before some curbs are placed on motorists and truck drivers who exceed all speed limits within the municipality.

# Oregon Side Youngsters Learn It Does Not Pay To Steal Water Melons

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore of Fruitland, recently received the following letter from their son, PFC Andrew Moore, who is now stationed on Okinawa, telling them of his travels and of the general homesickness of the soldiers in the Pacific Theatre:

"Except for being homesick and homesome this finds me making out o.k. Since we are out of operations at the present time there is not much to do. This gives us plenty of time to lay around and think of home. Naturally, the more we think the more homesick we get. And seeing other fellows leave the company for the States does not help matters any."

Dad, if I get a chance to get a war relic for you, I will but articles of value are hard to find. Don't forget I am not in the infantry and those are the boys who get all of the good souvenirs. However all enemy weapons are supposed to be turned into the army intelligence and can't be mailed home. But when I get to Japan I'll see what I can do about finding something."

"Unless there is some new army regulations to come out on the discharge system, I am pretty sure that I won't be home for Christmas. As I wrote you before, it will probably be closer to Easter when I get home. It just depends on how fast they can discharge men and the amount of transportation available to return to the States."

"In case you have been wondering what part I have played in this war, I'll tell you. I am a code

# HANNAN TALKS TO KIWANIS

Minister Gives Ideas On Basis For Permanent Peace

The Reverend C. G. Hannan of the Methodist church was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon and gave an impressive address on the subject "Religion and the People's Peace."

The speaker said in effect, that now that we have come to the end of a long and costly war, we are still not fully at peace and the future of the world in this regard is problematical. He however believed he said that a long and lasting peace can be attained through some of the basic principals brought out in the Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco and Potsdam conferences with the application of religious principals.

His chief emphasis however was on the part that the churches can play in bringing about a spirit of good will among men. He pointed out that the churches have wanted peace, have thought peace and have prayed for peace.

They can continue to be a great factor toward the desired end, he declared, in the field of religious education, stressing understanding, good will and tolerance, through the missionary service and personal contacts.

# SEVERAL APPEAR IN POLICE COURT

There were seven men who appeared in police court before Judge Martin Luther this week and paid fines on various charges.

Francis Nebin, a stranger in the community, paid a \$50. fine on a plea of guilty to a drunk charge.

Grayson, V. Ross paid \$25. on a similar charge the same day.

On Tuesday morning Howard A. Walters, who was arrested Monday night was assessed \$50.

Herbert J. Williams and Robert J. Marshall were fined \$30 each and fined Friday morning on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Police officers also arrested Leslie M. Smith and Alfred L. Graham on charges of forgery and turned them over to county officers.

# LOCALS TIE MIDDLETON IN PRACTICE GAME

Payette's grid team went to Middleton last Friday afternoon and tied the team from the high school there in a practice game, the first of the season.

Coach W. T. Tittle who coached at Middleton last year and is taking over for Payette this fall reported that he was much pleased with the showing made by Payette's boys, particularly on defense. The Middleton team has one exceptionally fast backfield man, he said, whom the local lads kept from scoring.

So far he has been stressing offense play and he plans now to begin an offense.

# LT. WICKS GETS DISCHARGE

PORT DOUGLAS, Utah, Sept. 11.—First Lt. Franklin Wicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wicks, Payette, has been honorably relieved from active military service with the Air Force at the Separation Center here.

Lt. Wicks has a record of over eight months service with the Eighth Air Force in the European theatre of operations as bombardier on B-17s and B-24s.

After completing his overseas tour of duty, he returned to the states to enter the AAF Training Command's Pilot Training program, and was stationed at Perrin Army Air Field, Sherman, Texas, undergoing the basic phase of flight training when he was sent here for separation from the service.

He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three clusters and the European Theatre of Operations ribbon.

No new developments were reported this week by officers of the burglary of the West Side school house last week. The officers however are still working on the case and hope to have a solution before long.

Several minor burglaries have been reported during the past month, they said, indicating that the jobs are being done by local youngsters.

The officials too because of the burglaries issued a warning to householders to lock their houses when they left them even for a short time.

# SCHOOLS SHOW LARGE INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

Two More Teachers Will Be Required To Take Care Of Students Many New Families

Two more teachers will be required in the local school system to take care of the increased enrollment, W. C. Sorenson, superintendent, announced yesterday.

At the close of school Wednesday he reported a total of 933 pupils had registered, as against a total of 805 last year, making an increase of 128, the largest increase experienced in many years.

Most of the increase he said came from families who had moved into the city during the summer, and two new teachers will be required in the first and third grades.

Figures on the enrollment showed:

	1944	1945
High School	225	252
Eighth Grade	65	76
East Side	249	273
West Side	266	332
TOTAL	805	933

The grade schools opened Tuesday morning and the high school Wednesday morning as scheduled. At the high school a special assembly was held at which Loren Hicks, principal, introduced faculty members and made general announcements and Supt. Sorenson gave an address of welcome in which he emphasized the necessity for school training for future life and loyalty to the town and school.

# PARACHUTE MAN WANTS LOCATION

Will Put In Rigging Shop If Building Can Be Found

Payette has an opportunity to have the only parachute rigging shop in this section of the state if a suitable building can be secured, according to Weldon Fuge, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Charles Thompson, CAA licensed parachute repair and maintenance man of Pendleton, Oregon, was here for several days the first of the week and with Fuge and other officials of the Chamber spent some time looking for a suitable building. Although they found several prospective places, Fuge reported they were not able to find one which would meet all specifications.

Thompson, for Pendleton Tuesday night and plans returning here to continue the search.

The building, he said, should be at least 25 by 50 feet but, it does not have to be in a good location from a business standpoint. Thompson would like to take a five year lease on the location when it can be found.

According to Fuge there is no other such shop in the state at the present time. When repacking and repair of parachutes are needed, he said they must now be sent to Seattle, Wash.

Under CAA rules all planes are required to carry parachutes and they must be repacked whether or not they have been used each six months. Thompson believes that with the many new fields being brought into use in this section plus the increasing number of planes and the fact that he can establish a tent and awning works in connection, it will develop into a thriving business employing up to six men and women.

Because of its central location, he said, he would like to locate in Payette, if the location can be found.

# TEACHERS FORM EDUCATION ASS'N

Local Group Will Be Affiliated With State Organization

Local teachers organized themselves into the Payette Education Association, following the regular school opening faculty meeting here Monday morning.

Kerr B. Rags was elected president, James W. Reinhardt, vice president, and Miss Irene Barrett, secretary.

The organization Mr. Rags said will be affiliated with the State Education Association and will work on projects and programs of the parent organization such as teachers' welfare, improvement of the structure, school finances and so on.

Miss Olga Johnson and Loren Hicks were named delegates to the state association meetings the first of which will be held Nov. 1 and 2. W. C. Sorenson, superintendent, will also be a delegate by virtue of the fact that he is chairman of the board of the state association's important committees.

Mr. Walter M. Cozier who served in the Burma, India, China sector, is spending a furlough here. He arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Sept. 10 and was sent from there to Fort Douglas, Utah.